(b) if so, how the Coffee Board will ensure supply of coffee in the domestic market;

(c) whether Government is considering levy on coffee production for domestic market; and

(d) what is the role of Coffee Board in case of total decontrol of coffee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHINDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government has announced its decisions on FSQ on 22nd April, 1995 under which 100 per cent Free Sale Quota has been allowed to small growers having holding sie below 10 hec. and 70 per cent Free Sale Quota to other growers of coffee. Therefore, large growers having holding size of 10 hec. and above are expected to pool 30 per cent of their produce with the Board. The Coffee Board has also ben instructed to resort to direct purchase to ensure availability of coffee.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

(d) The Coffee Board under the Coffee Act has been constituted for overall development of coffee industry in the country. In pursuance of the goals defined in the Act ,the Coffee Board will continue to provide assistance and expertise to the industry in developmental activities.

Subsidy for tobacco farmers in Andhra Pradesh

5112. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tobacco Board will extend subsidy for tobacco farmers in the tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that a significant quantity of tobacco comes from tribal areas of Khammam, West Godavari and East Godavari districts, and

(c) the details of assistance proposed by Tabacco Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHR P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Tobacco farmers in the tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh are eligible for financial assistance under developmental and extension schemes of the Tobacco Board. It is estimated that about 0.4 million Kgs of ECV tobacco 6.5 million Kgs of burley tobacco and a small quantity of Natu tobacco was grown in the tribal areas of Khammam, West Godavari and East Godavari districts in 1994-95.

Shortage of Coffee

5113. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is an acute shortage of coffee in the country;

(b) whether the Coffee Board had anticipated the present shortage; and

(c) what are the projections of the Coffee Board for production, domestic consumption and export demand over the next five years, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHR P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no shortage of coffee in the country.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Following projections have been made by the Coffee Board on production, consumption and export of coffee for the next five years: